

# IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

APRIL 13, 1820.

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Read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

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The Committee on Commerce, to which has been referred the act from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a light-house on one of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend to the House to agree to the same; and, also, to the following additional sections, as amendments to the said act; the provisions of which the committee, after weighing the evidence offered in their support, are convinced are required to make the navigation of the coasts, bays, and rivers of the United States, at all times, safe and expeditious; and, what is of the first importance, such provisions will afford all the means of security that legislative wisdom and benevolence can devise for the preservation of lives and property. The following amendments, therefore, in the spirit and feelings of humanity, are unanimously and respectfully submitted and recommended to the House for adoption.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of  
2        the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to provide, by  
3        contract, for building light-houses, erecting piers, beacons, or  
4        land marks, and building and placing light vessels, or boats,  
5        and buoys, on the following sites, or shoals, to wit:

6        A pier at the mouth of Kennebunk river, in the state of  
7        Maine;

8        Two light-houses, one on Ten Pound Island, at the en-  
9        trance into Gloucester Harbor, and the other on Baker's  
10      Island, near Salem, in the state of Massachusetts;

11 A light-house at a proper site near the mouth of Gene-  
12 see River, in the state of New-York;

13 A buoy on South-West Ledge, and another on Adams'  
14 Fall, in or near to the harbor of New-Haven, in the state of  
15 Connecticut;

16 A light vessel at the end of Smith's Point Shoals, in the  
17 Chesapeake Bay, in the state of Virginia;

18 A light-house on Shell Castle Island, in the state of North  
19 Carolina; or, in lieu thereof, a light vessel to be moored in a  
20 proper place near the said island, if, in the opinion of the Se-  
21 cretary of the Treasury, the latter shall be preferred;

22 A beacon, and two buoys, on proper sites in the channel  
23 leading to the harbor of Charleston, in the state of South  
24 Carolina;

25 A light-house on a proper site in Mobile Bay, in the state  
26 of Alabama; or, in lieu thereof, a light vessel in the said bay,  
27 if the same shall be preferred.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appro-  
2 priated, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise  
3 appropriated, the following sums of money, to accomplish the  
4 objects specified in this act, to wit:

5 For erecting a pier at the mouth of Kennebunk River,  
6 a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars;

7 For placing a bell near the light-house on West Quoddy  
8 Head, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars;

9       For erecting two light-houses, one on Ten Pound Island,  
10 and the other on Baker's Island, and placing three buoys on  
11 the rocks and flats near Salem, a sum not exceeding nine  
12 thousand dollars;

13       For a light-house near the mouth of Genesee River, a  
14 sum not exceeding five thousand dollars;

15       For placing two buoys, one on South-West Ledge, and  
16 the other on Adams' Fall, in or near to the harbor of New-  
17 Haven, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars;

18       For a light vessel, and placing the same at the end of  
19 Smith's Point Shoals, a sum not exceeding eight thousand  
20 dollars;

21       For a light-house on Shell Castle Island, or a light ves-  
22 sel, if preferred, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dol-  
23 lars;

24       For a beacon, and two buoys, on proper sites in or near  
25 to the channel leading to Charleston harbor, a sum not ex-  
26 ceeding six thousand five hundred dollars;

27       For a light-house, or a light vessel, for Mobile Bay, a  
28 sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

1       SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of  
2 the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, if he shall  
3 deem it expedient and proper, to build the light-house di-  
4 rected to be built on Sparrow's Point, in the state of Mary-  
5 land, on North Point, in said state; and, also, to substitute a

6 light vessel for the light-house directed to be built on Craney  
7 Island, at the mouth of Elizabeth River, in the state of Vir-  
8 ginia.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, to complete the  
2 light-houses and light vessels heretofore directed to be built,  
3 there be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not  
4 otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to wit:  
5 For the light-houses in the state of Maryland, a sum not  
6 exceeding six thousand six hundred dollars;

7 For the light-house directed to be built between the  
8 mouth of Grand River, in the state of Ohio, and the mouth  
9 of Detroit River, in the territory of Michigan, five thousand  
10 dollars; and,

11 For the light-houses, or light vessels, for the state of  
12 Virginia, a sum not exceeding six thousand six hundred  
13 dollars.

14 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That no light-house,  
15 beacon, nor land mark, shall be built or erected on any site  
16 previous to the cession of jurisdiction over the same being  
17 made to the United States.